General

National forest cannot be used for residency purposes. (You can't live on public land for the summer in lieu of paying rent.) of 36 CFR 261.10(b)

A permit or contract is required to remove forest products: rock, soil, firewood, post and poles, mushrooms, Christmas trees, etc. 36 CFR 261.6(h)

Placing any substance in or near a stream, lake, or other water, which does or may pollute a stream, lake, or other water is prohibited. 36 CFR 261.11(c)

Use and/or possession of Fireworks are prohibited. 36 CFR 261.52(f)



All hay brought onto public lands must be certified weed-free. 36 CFR 261.58(t)

Do not discharge firearms within 150 yards of buildings, campsites, developed recreation sites, or occupied areas. Do not shoot across roads, trails or bodies of water adjacent thereto. 36 CFR 261.10(d)



Do not place human waste into an unapproved receptacle. 36 CFR 261.16(p)



Special Uses

Using National Forest System lands or facilities without a special use authorization when one is required 36 CFR 261.10 (k)



An example would be charging someone a fee to take them fishing, hunting, or snowmobiling on National Forest without a permit.

Wilderness

The maximum group size in the Holy Cross, Eagles Nest, and Flat Tops Wildernesses is 15 people. 36 CFR 261.58(f). No mechanized (mtn. bikes) or motorized equipment (e.g. chainsaws) is allowed in Wilderness 36 CFR 261.57(h). Dogs must always be under control, and must be on-leash in the Eagles Nest Wilderness 36 CFR 261.58(s). A permit is required for each group staying overnight in the Holy Cross Wilderness; these are available at the trailhead. The proximity of your camp to water and use of campfires are managed through Wilderness-specific regulations.

For all the Wilderness-specific regulations, go to www.fs.usda.gov/attmain/whiteriver/specialplaces.

Trail maps are available at the Ranger Station



Motor Vehicle Use Maps

Make sure you have the MVUM so you know where you can take a wheeled motor vehicle by the time of year and the kind of vehicle. They are free at each office and online, 36 CFR 261.13

Food Storage Bears & other wildlife

When backpacking, hang items away from your camp or use bear-resistant containers. When camping (fee campground or car camping), you must ensure your food, drink, garbage, and other items with an odor (toothpaste, deodorants, etc.) are stored in a locked vehicle, special bear-resistant container, or FS provided food locker except when preparing or eating food.

36 CFR 261.50(a).



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Campgrounds & Toilets



Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire outside the FS provided fire ring/grill/ stove/fireplace in a campground is not allowed. 36 CFR 261.16(b)

Do not deposit any trash into toilets or toilet vaults. 36 CFR 261.11(a)

You can not occupy a day use site between 10pm and 6am or other posted closed hours. 36 CFR 261.16(e)

Remove all camping equipment or personal property when leaving the area or site. 36 CFR 261.16(g)

One person must occupy the developed campground site during the first night. 36 CFR 261.16(i)

Do not leave camping equipment unattended for more than 24 hours in a developed campground. 36 CFR 261.16(j)

Do not bring or possess a saddle, pack, or draft animal in a developed site unless otherwise allowed. 36 CFR 261.16(I)

You can use OHV's to enter or leave the campground only, no horseplay in the campground. 36 CFR 261.16(o)

Vehicles must stay or park on roads and spurs in the developed site. 36 CFR 261.16 (m)

Reservations

Camp Hale Memorial, East Fork Group, Hornsilver, and Gore Creek campgrounds offer reservations. Please call 1-877-444-6777 or www.Recreation.gov. All other campgrounds are on a first come, first served basis.

Read Kiosks and boards for site rules.

General Camping/Fire

Camping on the White River National Forest is limited to no more than 14 days in any 60-day period, after which you must move at least three miles from the previous site. You may not camp for more than 28 accumulated days within a 60-day period. 36 CFR 261.58(a)

Dispersed camping and small campfires are allowed on the general forest unless restricted for fire danger. Please do not burn trash or put cans or bottles in your fire pit.

Leaving a campfire without completely extinguishing it is prohibited. 36 CFR 261.5(d)

Leaving trash on national forest is prohibited. 36 CFR 261.11(b) or 261.11(d)

Do not camp within 100 feet of lakes, streams, or system trails, unless in a USFS developed and designated campsite. 36 CFR 261.58(e).

"300-foot Rule": Motor vehicle use off of designated Forest Service Roads for the purpose of dispersed camping is permitted for up to 300 feet from the road, where not prohibited, unsafe, or causing resource damage. This travel is to access a suitable camping spot only.

Vehicles



All off-highway vehicles (OHVs) - ATV's, dirt bikes, and snowmobiles - must have current Colorado State registrations. 36 CFR 261.15

Motorized wheeled vehicles and mountain bikes must stay on designated roads and trails. 36 CFR 261.13, 36 CFR 261.16(n), 36 CFR 261.54(a), 36 CFR 261.55(b)

Make sure you have a **Motor Vehicle Use Map** so you know where you can take a motor vehicle by the time of year and the kind of vehicle. MVUMs are free at each office and online.



Do not damage any natural feature or other property of the United States 36 CFR 261.9 (a)

** This guide includes many helpful regulations but is not an all-inclusive list. **

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